

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A camera operating apparatus for operating at least one camera unit at first and second operation speeds and at an operation direction which are to be changed by an operator, comprises a retainer having an operation surface, a joystick mounted on the retainer and having a center axis and a center point located on the center axis, the joystick being pivotable around the center point of the joystick at a variable inclination angle between the center axis of the joystick and the operation surface of the retainer to input a first speed signal indicative of the inclination angle varied in response to the first operation speed to the camera unit, a plurality of keys each operatively arranged on the retainer to perform a key-pushed action and a key-released action, each of the keys being operative to input a key signal indicative of the key-pushed action, the keys including one specified key selected for the second operation speed to the camera unit desired by the operator, and output signal generating means for generating a second speed signal indicative of the second operation speed to the camera unit based on the first speed signal from the joystick and the key signal from the specified key, the output signal generating means being operative to output the second speed signal to the camera unit to ensure the second operation speed to the camera unit desired by the operator.